



SERMON SNIPPET:

Series: A H.O.P.E. FILLED FUTURE – PART 3
Message: Hope Filled Giving
Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-14 & 2 Corinthians NRSV
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

Today, we conclude our series of sermons connected to our 2025 Stewardship Campaign: A H.O.P.E. Filled Future: Helping Our People Engage. The focus of this stewardship campaign is helping each of you engage in biblical based stewardship of your time, talents, and treasure. Today, we will examine stewarding our treasure as we focus our thoughts on the following theme: Hope Filled Giving.

Holding on to hope is challenging, because there are always obstacles, hardships, dilemmas, frustrations, heartbreak, trauma, and drama. Hope filled living is about holding on to hope, especially when our current situation and circumstances do not look hopeful. Hope filled living fuels hope filled serving, for if I am convinced God has a plan, then I can serve with joy even while I am enduring hardships. Hope filled living is the foundation for hope filled serving, which fuels our hope filled giving.

Hope filled giving is an act of worship that declares we trust and rely upon the God that has a plan for our hope filled future. Our worship is an act of love and demonstration of devotion for God. As our giving is an act of love, it must flow from a heart that is joyful and willing. Which brings us to our text from 2 Corinthians. In 2 Corinthians, we find the apostle Paul offering words of instruction to the church at Corinth about hope filled giving versus begrudging or conditional giving. Paul begins with practical instruction, that each of us should give, as we have decided in our heart/minds to give. The decision to give should not be made reluctantly, nor from being compelled to do so. Giving must flow from a heart that is joyful, willful, hope filled, and loving.

Paul further elaborates that our giving recognizes that God is the source of all we have, and God will ensure we have all we need, so that we can be a blessing to others. Hope filled giving attunes our hearts and minds to God's purpose and plan, partnering with God to transform our church and community. In short, hope filled giving invests in the those who are here, those who are yet to come, and those who may never join but who need to know God loves them.

Stewarding a life of hope-filled giving is a call to align our hearts and lives with God's purpose and plan. Hope filled giving is an act of legacy building for those who are yet to come, but who will need a place to connect with God. Those who founded this church gave believing that God would bless and prosper the movement of methodism amongst the farmlands of their day. Now, the mantle and legacy of those who have paved the way for us is squarely upon us, that we might engage in hope filled giving to provide spiritual home for transformation

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10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

November 24, 2024

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Anthony
HYMN	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past #117 Vss. 1-3	Yaroslav Daniels
OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)		Dave Kennedy
Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall we make our vows. You have answered our prayers and to you all humanity shall give glory. When the pain of our mistakes overwhelms us, you forgive and renew us. Happy are we, whom you have chosen, to bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your Holy temple. With awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, oh God of our salvation; you are our hope. Hear our prayer oh Lord. Amen. (Adapted from Psalm 65:1-5)		
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Jeremiah 29:11-14 & Ephesians 3:20 NRSV	Dave Kennedy
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
MUSICAL SELECTION	"IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS" by Eugene Butler	Vocal Choir
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Bea
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Chris Guddeck
HYMN	To God Be the Glory #98	Yaroslav Daniels
SERMON	A FUTURE WITH HOPE	Rev. Sondra Willobee
CONSECRATION OF 2025 PLEDGES		Pastor Anthony
OFFERING INVITATION		Dave Kennedy
(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING VIRTUALLY: Giving options will appear on your screen.• FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON: You may place your tithes and offerings in the collection plate, or in one of our offering boxes. As the ushers come to receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad, and pass it along to your neighbor. Guests, please place your completed CONNECTION CARD in the collection plate.		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING		Dave Kennedy
OFFERTORY MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
SUNG PRAISE	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94	Yaroslav Daniels
JOYS, CONCERNS, & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		Pastor Anthony
LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		Pastor Anthony
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
HYMN	Blest Be the Tie That Binds #557	Yaroslav Daniels
SENDING FORTH: You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!		



Rummage Sale Update

The last Wilson-led in-person rummage sale was held on Friday & Saturday October 18th and 19th. We had an army of workers helping in many capacities, including setting-up, providing food, sorting merchandise, cashiering and cleaning-up.

Our sincere thanks to all the following people
(apologies in advance if we missed anyone or misspelled a name):

Pastor Bea, Brenna & Carson Drake, Edwin & Beulah Arun, Calvin & Lucy Brunke, Kaylin & Dani Montgomery, Bruce, Kim and Emma Baker, Stephanie Tube, Nick Antfila, Carolyn & Jim Glennie, Paula Mullan, Gere Jones?, Karen Brichford, Ben & Julia Hanson, Marion Ringe, Connie Lawson, Patty Tschudi, Susan Sackett, Connie Lawson, Connie Haase, Carolyn Wik, Carla Trivedi, Diane Miller, Denise Ruff, Tim & Bev King, Maggie Clewley, Ann St. John, Danielle K, Cathy Kwasky, Danielle Montgomery, Pat Bradley & son, Doug Tonkovich, Gary Shier and Dan Latimer.

Also, our family members: Alan Wilson, Kathryn Wilson, Jan Jameson, Bob Pettys, Gene & Laura Jameson, Sarah Jameson & Manuel Valencia.

The work was hard but the food & fellowship were great! We really enjoyed talking to many of our friendly customers and welcoming them into our building. There were a few customers who were clearly in need and able to benefit from our low-priced merchandise.

Proceeds were \$3,189.00. This is the first time we have broken \$3,000 mark in the past 4 sales we've run. Proceeds will be allocated as follows in accordance with the preferred designations of the workers based on hours worked:

Church building fund (Trustees) \$567.60
Guiding force youth group \$1,024.66
United Women In Faith (UMW) \$1,596.74

At this time, we have not heard of anyone else stepping forward to run another in-person sale. Until that happens, please DO NOT leave any rummage in the basement storage area. Choose another worthy organization to donate your items to.

We still have a LOT of eBay items in our home and Joy will continue to attempt to sell those on eBay as time permits. Joy will give an accounting of 2024 eBay sales after the end of the year.

Joy & Doug Wilson

Another person or team is needed would like to take over the RUMMAGE SALE event. We would be happy to offer guidance to anyone who wants to know more. Stockpiling donations in the rummage room as they come in is one of the tasks involved and the sale itself is fairly well streamlined. Items currently at our home will continue to be sold on eBay as time permits. Joy & Doug Wilson



Joy & Doug Wilson & Family
Thank you so very much for your time & talent to make the Rummage Sales happen with such excellence.



When you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me. Matthew 25:40

Meeting on Monday, December 2nd @ 7 p.m.



**Samaritan Counseling Center
of Southeastern Michigan**

is our **PAY IT FORWARD**
choice for November **2024**

We appreciate your generosity and ask you to
please indicate **CCMM3050**
on your check/envelope.



Noah at Central \$165.00
Holton Community Center
Global Ministries \$398.00
Lighthouse \$190.00

CARING MINISTRY LIST

OVERCOMING HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

Carolyn Aymer, Phyllis Anderson, Pat Bradley, Bob Cook, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell, Denise Durham, Pat Dygert, Bev Ellis, Jane Hopper, John Hopeck, Karma Huston, Bev Jackson, Peter Kalakailo, Marianne Keach, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Dean Koppin, Suzanne Lanstra, Keith Miller, William Morrison, Bob Rehn, Denise Rogers, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, Marilyn Totten, Sandy Welling, Don Wingard, Ruth Yuill



The Caring Ministry keeps those who are shut in, hospitalized or sick and unable to attend church connected to the church through visits, cards, and phone calls. Contact Connie Haase, Parish Visitor email: office@[farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org) or call the church office for further information.

If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Anthony (313) 283-9919



DO YOU HAVE UP DATES CONCERNING YOUR
ADDRESS * EMAIL * ENVELOPES

If you would like or NO LONGER NEED TO
RECEIVE ENVELOPES.

Please submit an email or leave a note
office@[farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org)



will be ordered **soon**
and it is too
expensive to make
adjustments after
ordered.



Altar Flowers Dedications

3rd Patty Tschudi in loving honoring my grandson,
Kane Tschudi's 27th Birthday in the U.S. Navy

10th Farmington First United Women In Faith

17th In loving memory of our dear brother Marlow Macaspac

Tolentino Family

24th Thanksgiving

**If you have email, you have been sent a reminder of your date
and each has an altar flower form and envelope on the narthex
table to submit your payment and your tribute message.**

PLEASE SUBMIT your dedication details and \$30.00 payment for the two bouquets, which you may take home following the service (**bring a container to transport**) to Phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org by 11 a.m. Mondays 2 weeks prior to your selected date (s).



would like to send periodic notes and or care packages to our church's college students and military personnel. If your loved one is in this category, please contact Karen Brichford with their information.

GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP (GFYG)

SERVICE WEEK AT CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

The Guiding Force Youth Group will be serving at Cass Community Social Services **July 14 through 18, 2025**. We will be traveling to Cass each day and returning to our homes for the evening.

We are inviting anyone from the congregation who is interested in serving with us is invited to come along. You will be welcome to join for as many days as it's convenient for you.

This will not only be an opportunity not only for you to serve God's people, but also to get better acquainted with the youth of our church.



SUNDAY SCHOOL is available to Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades throughout the school year



At this time, we are not able to provide Nursery Care for our youngest participants. Please know that children of all ages are welcome in worship, especially when they are making "joyful noises to the Lord".

Our future plans include developing a "Family Center" where parents will have a comfortable space to experience our worship service via live stream in a space that is hospitable for them.



2024 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM The Worship Committee will be decorating the sanctuary with Poinsettias for Christmas. To order a poinsettia, complete this order form by **Sunday, December 1st**. Payment must accompany your order form. You may mail-in your order form, with enclosed payment payable to First UMC, to the church office at: 33112 Grand River Avenue - Farmington, Michigan 48336. Mailed-in forms must be received, with payment, no later than

Friday, November 29th. Poinsettias may be taken home after the 7pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service Tuesday, December 24, 2024. Alternative Giving will go to support The N.O.A.H. Project.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Please order _____ flowers @ \$13.00 each Total \$ _____

From: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

ALTERNATIVE GIVING: The N.O.A.H. PROJECT at Central UMC

of Detroit Outreach Ministry donation \$ _____

From: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____



The following committees are looking for **Methodist Men**, additional members: **Finance, Outreach, Trustees, The Streaming Team, and Website Team**. If you are interested in any of these committees, please contact Pastor Anthony at: pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org.

Our teller team could use your help. Looking for 3 or 4 more volunteers that are willing to help count the offering after Sunday service. It takes about 30-60 minutes to complete depending on the Sunday. We schedule 2 tellers per Sunday. Commitment would be for no more than 2 Sundays a month depending on the scheduling. There may be a month that you may not be required to count. Scheduling is flexible.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LITURGIST?

Liturgists are responsible for leading the opening prayer, reading the scripture lesson, leading the offering prayer, and reading the explanation of offering options. If you are interested in joining the liturgist team, please contact Jill Burress at jillb69@aol.com.

HOW TO VIEW THE LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

You can view our 10:00 a.m. Livestream of our worship service, on the church website or our Facebook page, even if you do not have a Facebook account. Here is how to connect:

1. Go to: www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch or
2. Access the church's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/
3. Once on the church's Facebook page, select the video marked **Live** in red.
4. You can now view the livestream of our worship service.



DID YOU MISS THE WORSHIP SERVICE?

You can view all previous worship services and sermons on our YouTube Channel, Facebook Page, or Website:

- YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCpy3ppBF6thM1WGrnYDZCPw
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc
- Website: www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch-live.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Thank you for your continued and steady financial support. The finance team has worked diligently to provide multiple methods for us to continue financially supporting the church:

- A) You can Drop-off or Mail-In a check to:
First United Methodist Church - 33112 Grand River Ave, Farmington, MI 48336.
- B) You can use the "Bill Pay" option through your online banking website.
- C) You can give using "PayPal" and choose: First United Methodist Church of Farmington.
- D) You can text to give, by texting: **fumcgive** to **44321** and follow the prompts.



GIVE TODAY



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @farmingtonfumc

In an effort to attract more attention towards our church, we have created an Instagram account. Here you will find content featuring updates, events, devotionals, and more! Give us a follow, tell your friends, tell your family, and enjoy scrolling!



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News & Notes for the week of November 17, 2021

Monday, November 18th

5:30 p.m. Christian Education on Zoom
7:00 p.m. Church Council on Zoom

Tuesday, November 19th

Phyllis not in the office
10:00 a.m. Brookdale Service
10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 20th

5:00 p.m. Worship Meeting
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, November 21st

7:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 22nd

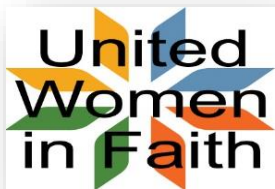
5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Saturday, November 23rd

2:00 p.m. Dance Ensemble Rehearsal

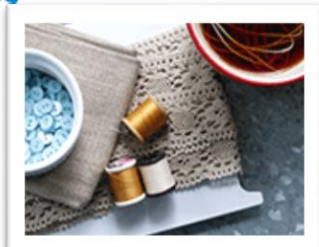
Sunday, November 24th

10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
Coffee Hour to follow
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Indian Classical Dance
5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church



The last UWF General meeting of the year is Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10:00am in Wesley Hall. **Cathy Jackson** will be speaking to us about her photography. All are welcome, including men.

Also, we will be **collecting winter hats and gloves** - new or gently used - to be donated to Another Day Resource Center (the Blue Bus). If you want to participate, you can bring your donation that day or put it in the box across from the church



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

4th Friday's of the month Beginning in January
9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Bring a project to work on and a dish to share.
Susan Cook, Coordinator

Church Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
10:00am to 2:30pm

Phyllis is not in on Tuesdays

Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9:00am to 1:00pm

Pastor Anthony's Office Hours:

Tuesday 9:00am-1:00pm
Wednesday 4:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

If you have information to include in the weekly News & Notes, please email your information to Phyllis Anderson (phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.

Announcements or information to be shared in the order of worship, must be submitted to Pastor Anthony no later than 12:00 noon on Monday.



- 3rd McKenzie Hanson
- 6th Robin Smith
- 7th Jerry Thomas
- 8th Jane Hunter
- 11th Sherry Carnell
- 13th Connie Lawson, Marilyn Totten TX,
- 16th Calvin Brunke
- 20th Lauren Wilson
- 24th Susan Sackett
- 26th Diane Bridgeman
- 27th Rick Shaul
- 28th Denise Dunham

Anniversaries

- 19th Tom & Tina Horton Florida
- 22nd David & Peggy Wilke,
- 29th John & Leah Sheppard, Jr